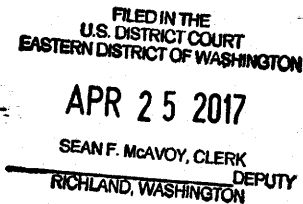


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FRANCISCO DUARTE FIGUEROA,

Defendant.

4:15-CR-6049-EFS-6

Plea Agreement

Plaintiff, United States of America, by and through Joseph Harrington, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, and Stephanie Van Marter, Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, and Defendant FRANCISCO DUARTE FIGUEROA, and the Defendant's counsel, Rick L. Hoffman, agree to the following Plea Agreement:

1. Guilty Plea and Maximum Statutory Penalties:

The Defendant, FRANCISCO DUARTE FIGUEROA, agrees to enter a plea of guilty to Count 15 of the Second Superseding Indictment filed on December 6, 2016, charging the Defendant with Possession with the Intent to Distribute 1 Kilogram or More of a Mixture or Substance Containing Heroin and

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1 400 grams or More of a Mixture or Substance Containing N-phenyl-N
2 Propanamide, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(i), (vi).

3 The Defendant, FRANCISCO DUARTE FIGUEROA, understands that the
4 charge contained in the Superseding Indictment is a Class A felony charge. The
5 Defendant, FRANCISCO DUARTE FIGUEROA, also understands that the
6 maximum statutory penalty for Possession with the Intent to Distribute 1
7 Kilogram or More of a Mixture or Substance Containing Heroin and 400 grams
8 or More of a Mixture or Substance Containing N-phenyl-N Propanamide, in
9 violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(i), (vi), is not less than 10 years
10 imprisonment, which is non-suspendable and non-parolable, and a maximum
11 possible penalty of life imprisonment; a fine not to exceed \$10,000,000; a term of
12 supervised release of not less than 5 years up to a life term; denial of certain
13 federal benefits; ***Deportation***, and a \$100 special penalty assessment.

14 The Defendant, FRANCISCO DUARTE FIGUEROA, understands that a
15 violation of a condition of supervised release carries an additional penalty of re-
16 imprisonment for all or part of the term of supervised release without credit for
17 time previously served on post-release supervision.

18 2. Denial of Federal Benefits:

19 The Defendant understands that by entering this plea of guilty the
20 Defendant is no longer eligible for assistance under any state program funded
21 under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (concerning Temporary
22 Assistance for Needy Families) or benefits under the food stamp program or any
23 state program carried out under the Food Stamp Act. 21 U.S.C. § 862a. Further,
24 the Court may deny the Defendant's eligibility to any grant, contract, loan,
25 professional license, or commercial license provided by an agency of the United
26 States or by appropriated funds of the United States. 21 U.S.C. § 862.

1 3. The Court is Not a Party to the Agreement:

2 The Court is not a party to this Plea Agreement and may accept or reject
3 this Plea Agreement. Sentencing is a matter that is solely within the discretion of
4 the Court. The Defendant understands that the Court is under no obligation to
5 accept any recommendations made by the United States and/or by the Defendant;
6 that the Court will obtain an independent report and sentencing recommendation
7 from the U.S. Probation Office; and that the Court may, in its discretion, impose
8 any sentence it deems appropriate up to the statutory maximums stated in this
9 Plea Agreement.

10 The Defendant acknowledges that no promises of any type have been made
11 to the Defendant with respect to the sentence the Court will impose in this matter.
12 The Defendant understands that the Court is required to consider the applicable
13 sentencing guideline range, but may depart upward or downward under the
14 appropriate circumstances.

15 The Defendant also understands that should the sentencing judge decide
16 not to accept any of the parties' recommendations, that decision is not a basis for
17 withdrawing from this Plea Agreement or a basis for withdrawing his plea of
18 guilty.

19 4. Effect on Immigration Status:

20 The Defendant recognizes that pleading guilty may have consequences
21 with respect to his immigration status if he is not a citizen of the United States.
22 Under federal law, a broad range of crimes are removable offenses, including the
23 offense to which the Defendant is pleading guilty. Indeed, because the Defendant
24 is pleading guilty to Possession with the Intent to Distribute 1 Kilogram or More
25 of a Mixture or Substance Containing Heroin and 400 grams or More of a
26 Mixture or Substance Containing N-phenyl-N Propanamide, in violation of 21

1 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(i), (vi), removal is presumptively mandatory.
2 Removal and other immigration consequences are the subject of a separate
3 proceeding, however, and the Defendant understands that while deportation
4 and/or removal appears to be a virtual certainty, no one, including his attorney or
5 the district court, can predict with absolute certainty the effect of his conviction
6 on his immigration status. The Defendant nevertheless affirms that he wants to
7 plead guilty regardless of any immigration consequences that his plea may entail,
8 even if automatic removal from the United States is a virtual certainty.

9 5. Waiver of Constitutional Rights:

10 The Defendant, FRANCISCO DUARTE FIGUEROA, understands that by
11 entering this plea of guilty the Defendant is knowingly and voluntarily waiving
12 certain constitutional rights, including:

- 13 (a). The right to a jury trial;
- 14 (b). The right to see, hear and question the witnesses;
- 15 (c). The right to remain silent at trial;
- 16 (d). The right to testify at trial; and
- 17 (e). The right to compel witnesses to testify.

18 While the Defendant is waiving certain constitutional rights, the Defendant
19 understands the Defendant retains the right to be assisted through the sentencing
20 and any direct appeal of the conviction and sentence by an attorney, who will be
21 appointed at no cost if the Defendant cannot afford to hire an attorney. The
22 Defendant also acknowledges that any pretrial motions currently pending before
23 the Court are waived.

24 6. Elements of the Offense:

25 The United States and the Defendant agree that in order to convict the
26 Defendant of Possession with the Intent to Distribute 1 Kilogram or More of a

1 Mixture or Substance Containing Heroin and 400 grams or More of a Mixture or
2 Substance Containing N-phenyl-N Propanamide, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§
3 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(i), (vi), the United States would have to prove beyond a
4 reasonable doubt the following elements:

5 *First*, on or about August 15, 2016, in the Eastern District of
6 Washington, the Defendant, FRANCISCO DUARTE FIGUEROA,
7 knowingly possessed a mixture or substance containing a detectable
8 amount of heroin and fentanyl (N-phenyl-N Propanamide);

9 *Second*, the defendant possessed it with the intent to deliver it to
10 another person; and

11 *Third*, the Defendant possessed 1 kilograms or more of a mixture or
12 substance containing a detectable amount of ~~heroin~~^{Heroin} and 400 grams or
13 More of a Mixture or Substance Containing N-phenyl-N Propanamide.

14 7. Factual Basis and Statement of Facts:

15 The United States and the Defendant stipulate and agree that the following
16 facts are accurate; that the United States could prove these facts beyond a
17 reasonable doubt at trial; and these facts constitute an adequate factual basis
18 FRANCISCO DUARTE FIGUEROA's guilty plea. This statement of facts does
19 not preclude either party from presenting and arguing, for sentencing purposes,
20 additional facts which are relevant to the guideline computation or sentencing,
21 unless otherwise prohibited in this agreement.

22 Members of the FBI Eastern Washington Safe Streets Violent Gang Task
23 Force- Tri-Cities (EWVGSSTF) have been investigating a transnational drug
24 trafficking organization operating herein the Eastern District of Washington and
25 elsewhere since at least 2011. During that investigation, Jese David Carillo
26 Casillas (hereafter Jese/Casillas) was identified as a high-ranking member of this

1 organization, first identified in the spring of 2015. In addition to Casillas, the
2 Defendant was identified during the course of this investigation as a member of
3 this DTO working directly with Casillas in the Tri-Cities area. EWVGSSTF has
4 also been utilizing a Confidential Human Source (hereinafter CHS), to
5 investigate this transnational drug trafficking organization as this CHS has been
6 in direct communication with several of its members to include Casillas.

7 By way of background, on approximately April 15th 2015, the CHS spoke
8 with TFO Whitby and advised an individual named "Jese" contacted the CHS
9 and told the CHS that Jese needed the title for a previously identified load
10 vehicle. The CHS reported that "Jese" had in the past worked for the then
11 identified leader/organizer of this organization, Ivan Calvillo (hereafter Ivan)
12 who fled to Mexico from the EDWA in 2011.

13 Since that time through physical and electronic surveillance, members of
14 the EWVGSSTF identified Casillas' residence as 8 N Palouse St, Kennewick
15 WA. Other occupants of the house were unknown at that time. During this same
16 time period (Spring 2015) the CHS, under the surveillance of members of the
17 EWVGSSTF, met with Casillas' relative to the above described load vehicle.
18 During that meet, the CHS advised that Casillas told the CHS he was selling
19 methamphetamine again and had a half pound for sale. Casillas confirmed he was
20 still working for Ivan's organization and was also looking for guns to take to
21 Mexico for the organization.

22 On May 13th 2015, the CHS was again contacted by Casillas concerning a
23 second load vehicle that was used by Ivan in the past. Casillas told the CHS he
24 now owned that second load vehicle and needed to know where the "Clavo"
25 (hidden compartment) was located inside the vehicle. On May 23rd 2015,
26 Casillas spoke with the CHS telling the CHS that Casillas was in contact with

1 Ivan who wanted Casillas to travel to California to assist in transporting 7 kilos of
2 cocaine from California to Washington. Casillas and the CHS discussed the
3 previously aforementioned load vehicle and that the load vehicle would not be
4 used to make the trip because the rear door to the vehicle needed be fixed.

5 A companion investigation in to this same DTO began in early 2014, when
6 Ivan made contact with a DEA undercover who was allegedly operating an
7 international investment company that was looking to make extra cash laundering
8 money for this drug trafficking organization. Although the undercover agent was
9 physically located in Boston, his make believe company was centered out of the
10 Seattle, WA area primarily because Ivan and his operation was in the EDWA.
11 All the communications between the Boston Under Cover (hereinafter BUC) and
12 Ivan were over "What's App" and have been recorded and provided to us in
13 discovery. As time went on, the BUC and Ivan began to have very detailed
14 communications as to the laundering relationship. The basic need the BUC filled
15 for the organization was his ability to accept Canadian cash, deposit it and wash
16 it electronically through his business and then wire US currency out in smaller
17 deposits in Mexico and the United States. The BUC would then charge a
18 commission or percentage for the washed cash, keep that percentage and report
19 back to Ivan and later Casillas as to the remaining amount available for wire
20 transfer. This relationship ultimately cultivated into Ivan and the organization
21 seeking the BUC's assistance in developing a new drug distribution group in
22 Vancouver BC. As a result, their conversations were all centered around drug
23 shipments and money laundering, some of which is in coded language, however
24 after time progressed the code was sporadic. Thus, the entire premise of their
25 business relationship was based upon the BUC's ability to launder drug money
26 and not for any other purpose.

1 Between April 2014 and December 2015, Ivan was in direct
2 communication with the BUC via recorded What's App messenger and arranged
3 for over 13 cash money drops to be laundered by the BUC. The amount
4 laundered during these money drops totaled over 1.6 million in cash. During
5 these cash money drops, the organization would utilize a specific code system to
6 ensure the correct people were meeting at the direction of Ivan, then Casillas and
7 the BUC's associates. The way the code worked was that Ivan provided the BUC
8 a serial number of a piece of currency. The BUC would communicate that serial
9 number so that when the two associates would meet, they would compare serial
10 numbers. Once that was confirmed, the money was handed off.

11 In approximately August 2015, Casillas was introduced to the BUC as a
12 partner of Ivan's. Several face-to-face meetings as well as What's App
13 communications began to occur between the BUC and Casillas.

14 Ivan was murdered in Mexico on December 13, 2015. The United States
15 would present evidence that after Ivan was murdered, Casillas stepped in and
16 took over all operations here in the EDWA. Casillas also took over all
17 communications with the BUC on the money laundering aspect as well as
18 additional drug transaction negotiations. During the conversations over "What's
19 App" and their in person meets, Casillas and the undercover also discussed prices
20 for future transactions involving narcotics. A meet was ultimately set up for
21 Casillas to provide a "sample" to the BUC of methamphetamine for these future
22 drug transactions. The meet was set for May 17, 2016 in Seattle, WA.

23 Prior to that meet and related to this investigation, members of the
24 EWVGSSTF identified a distributor working with Casillas in tricities, Hurtado
25 Garcia. In March 2016, Hurtado Garcia was arrested for his involvement in the
26 distribution of Methamphetamine. *See*, 4:16-CR-6020-EFS. Hurtado Garcia was

1 to make a two-pound methamphetamine delivery to a CHS and on the day of his
2 arrest and was driving a Jeep, which belonged to Defendant Jese Casillas¹. As
3 noted above, during that time, the United States had a pole camera up on
4 Defendant Casillas' house and observed Hurtado Garcia at Casillas' house on
5 numerous occasions to include the day of the two-pound deal. The pole camera
6 captured Hurtado Garcia meet with the Defendant at Jese's just prior to the two-
7 pound delivery. The two-pound delivery did not ultimately occur. However,
8 Hurtado Garcia's phone was seized and searched pursuant to search warrant.
9 Among the text messages recovered were messages between the Defendant and
10 Jese Casillas, clearly establishing that Casillas was his source of supply².

11 On May 17, 2016 a meeting between Casillas and an undercover officer
12 was set at a predetermined location near Seattle, WA for a buy of 1 kilogram of
13 methamphetamine. During the meeting, a red 2002 Honda Accord bearing AZ
14 plate BRJ1086, was used during the narcotics transaction. The 1 kilogram of
15 methamphetamine was taken from the trunk of the red Honda Accord. The driver
16 of the red Honda Accord was not identified at the time. It was discussed that
17 there would be future narcotics transactions between the undercover officer and
18 Casillas. Due to the involvement of the red Honda Accord a tracker warrant,
19 (4:16-mj-07123), was applied for and obtained on July 22, 2016.

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22 ¹ This same vehicle was stopped just one-month prior with Defendant Juvenal
23 Landa (4:15-6049-EFS-14) where two pounds of methamphetamine was seized
24 from inside the vehicle. The car was returned to Jese Casillas' wife who then
returned it to Jese Casillas and ultimately it was provided to Hurtado Garcia by
Casillas and the Defendant.

25 ² Jese is noted as "JC" in the text messages utilizing 13233266149. This number
26 was confirmed to be utilized by Jese during this undercover investigation as the
UC was in direct contact with Jese utilizing this same number.

1 During the months of July and August 2016, through electronic and
2 physical surveillance, the Defendant was seen leaving and arriving at 8 N.
3 Palouse St Kennewick, WA on an almost daily basis while driving the above
4 referenced red 2002 Honda Accord bearing AZ plate BRJ1086.

5 During the end of July 2016, the DEA undercover officer advised he had
6 several conversations with Casillas about the delivery of 10 kilograms of heroin.
7 They discussed that the heroin would first be brought into Los Angeles CA and
8 then transported to Washington. The DEA undercover officer advised on August
9 11, 2016 that there would now be 12 kilos of heroin being delivered. The DEA
10 undercover officer later confirmed the transaction was to take place on August
11 15th, 2016 near Seattle WA.

12 During the morning of August 15, 2016 members of the EWVGSSTF were
13 surveilling 8 N. Palouse St Kennewick, WA due to the information that the sale
14 of the 12 kilograms of heroin would happen later that day. At approximately
15 12:21 a.m., a vehicle entered the parking area behind 8 N. Palouse St,
16 Kennewick, WA and parked in an obstructed view of the electronic surveillance.
17 At approximately 12:55 a.m. a vehicle parked directly behind 8 N. Palouse St,
18 Kennewick WA. Through electronic monitoring the vehicle, later identified as a
19 silver 2014 Nissan Altima, bearing WA plate AXM8029, was still seen in the
20 same spot later that morning.

21 Electronic monitoring reviewed on August 15, 2016 and physical
22 surveillance confirmed that at approximately 7:08 a.m., a male wearing a red t-
23 shirt, later positively identified as the Defendant, and a male wearing a white hat
24 and gray and white striped shirt, later positively identified as Casillas, exited the
25 rear of 8 N Palouse St Kennewick WA. The Defendant was carrying a large black
26 duffle style bag. The Defendant and Casillas walked behind a van and Casillas

1 grabbed a red towel from a vehicle in the parking lot and took it to where the
2 Defendant was last seen behind the van. At approximately 7:14 a.m. Casillas
3 pulled the silver Nissan Altima, bearing WA plate AXM8029, behind the white
4 van where the Defendant was last seen. Physical surveillance determined that the
5 Defendant and Casillas were standing behind the silver Nissan Altima. The trunk
6 was seen open through video surveillance. At approximately 7:22 a.m., the
7 Defendant left the area in the silver Nissan Altima.

8 Members of the EWVGSSTF conducted physical surveillance and
9 followed the silver Nissan Altima west onto Interstate 82 towards Seattle, WA.
10 The physical surveillance was terminated near Benton City, WA on Interstate 82.
11 Approximately 20-30 minutes later. The BUC contacted SA Leahy that Casillas
12 had contacted the BUC advising that he was on his way to deliver the narcotics
13 and requested directions on how to contact the individual taking delivery in
14 Seattle, WA.

15 EWVGSSTF was working with DEA Seattle and turned over surveillance
16 to them when once the Defendant and Casillas were believed to be on their way
17 to Seattle. On August 15, 2016 at approximately 1:00 pm, the silver Nissan
18 Altima bearing WA plate AXM8029 arrived at the meet location near Seattle in
19 tandem with a red Nissan Altima bearing WA plate AAR8958, registered to
20 Guillermo Casillas, 1724 Nixon St Pasco, WA. Prior to the delivery, the UC
21 passed onto Casillas the serial number of a \$1 dollar bill that the parties who met
22 were supposed to recite to one another as a code to ensure the safe delivery of the
23 12 kilograms to the right parties. This same code had been utilized in the cash
24 money drops as directed by Ivan and later Casillas. As a result, the Defendant
25 pulled up next to the UC vehicle and requested the dollar bill. The UC provided
26 the dollar bill to the Defendant, who looked at the bill, promptly tore it up and

1 told the UC it was in the trunk. The UC and the Defendant went to the trunk area
2 where the Defendant retrieved the black Adidas athletic bag and gave it to the
3 DEA undercover³. Casillas was observed by surveillance a watching from a
4 distance in the Red Nissan Altima. DEA Seattle advised that Casillas was acting
5 as counter surveillance for the narcotics exchange. After the exchange occurred,
6 the Defendant and Casillas were followed to a Fred Meyer at 1st Ave South and
7 145th St. Surveillance continued until 128th St and 1st Ave where surveillance
8 was terminated.

9 The black Adidas bag contained 12 blocks that weighed approximately 1
10 kilogram apiece. One of the blocks was opened and field tested presumptive
11 positive for heroin.

12 Based upon the above-described delivery, a search warrant was applied for
13 and obtained for Casillas and the Defendant's residence located at 8 N. Palouse
14 St Kennewick, WA. See, 4:16-mj-07125. At approximately 7:00am on August
15 17, 2016, the search warrant was executed at the residence. Agents located both
16 Casillas and the Defendant inside the residence, each occupying their own
17 bedroom. The Defendant was placed into custody and advised of his Miranda
18 Rights both orally and in writing in English. The Defendant confirmed he spoke
19 English and understood his rights. He agreed to waive them and be interviewed
20 by the agents on scene. The Defendant admitted that he had left the residence
21 with Casillas on Monday (August 15, 2016) and that he was driving a silver
22 vehicle. He further acknowledged that he was given a bag to carry with him and
23 that he delivered that bag to an individual they met in Seattle WA at the direction
24 of Casillas. The Defendant claimed that he did not know what was inside the bag.

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26 ³ No money was exchanged at that time as the BUC was arranging with Casillas
27 to wire the payments to accounts at the direction of Casillas.

1 He further stated that Casillas followed him over to Seattle in a separate red
2 vehicle and that they returned to their residence that day.

3 During the execution of the search warrant, agents located inside Casillas'
4 identified bedroom cellular telephones and a computer. The search of the
5 bedroom where the Defendant was located produced a Taurus 9mm handgun, a
6 phone, 2 laptops, specific clothing worn on the day of the narcotics transaction in
7 Seattle, WA, documents and a white powder substance that tested presumptive
8 positive for cocaine. The handgun was located under the mattress where the
9 Defendant was found lying down. The search of the kitchen and living room
10 produced two phones, approximately \$2000 in US currency⁴, an unknown amount
11 of Canadian currency, and a shirt that Casillas was wearing during the narcotics
12 transaction in Seattle, WA.

13 A search warrant was obtained for each electronic device seized. The
14 search of these phones revealed a number of pertinent text messages, saved
15 images and other confirmed connectivity between the Defendant, Casillas and
16 several co-defendants. In addition to an analysis of the physical phones seized,
17 an FBI analyst has conducted phone analysis regularly. The analysis shows that
18 historically, Calvillo and Casillas have used multiple cellular phones, frequently
19 dropping phones to prevent detection by law enforcement. However, based upon
20 the CHS, the DEA undercover officer and other investigative efforts, law
21 enforcement has been able to identify or has been provided most of the cellular
22 phones utilized by Casillas. During an analysis of his phones, law enforcement
23 has been able to identify thousands of contacts between the Defendant's

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25 ⁴ Prior to the execution of the search warrant, the BUC had wired some of the
26 payment to Casillas for the agreed heroin delivery. The \$2000 seized inside the
27 residence was believed to be some of the money from that payment.

1 identified phones and several co-defendants/distributors to include Juvenal Landa
2 and Jose Adrian Mendoza.

3 An urgent lab request was sent to DEA based upon the appearance of the
4 heroin seized as it had a coloring unknown to law enforcement. The DEA lab
5 confirmed that two of the kilograms contained bunk, or the waste from the
6 manufacture of heroin and Fentanyl. However, the remaining 10 kilograms
7 contained over 650 grams of the substance Fentanyl. Heroin was also present in
8 small quantities.

9 8. The United States Agrees:

10 (a). Dismissals:

11 At the time of sentencing, the United States agrees to move to dismiss
12 Count 1 of the Indictment, charging the Defendant with Conspiracy to Distribute
13 500 Grams or More of a Mixture or Substance Containing a Detectable Amount
14 of Methamphetamine, 5 Kilograms or More of Cocaine, 1 Kilogram or More of
15 Heroin and 400 grams or More of N-phenyl-N Propanamide, in violation of 21
16 U.S.C. §841 (a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(i), (ii)(I), (vi), and (viii); all in violation of 21
17 U.S.C. § 846

18 (b). Not to File Additional Charges:

19 The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington
20 agrees not to bring any additional charges against the Defendant based upon
21 information in its possession at the time of this Plea Agreement and arising out of
22 Defendant's conduct involving illegal activity charged in this Indictment, unless
23 the Defendant breaches this Plea Agreement any time before or after sentencing.

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1 (c). Not to File a Penalty Enhancement:

2 In consideration for the Defendant's timely acceptance of responsibility,
3 the United States agrees not to file an enhanced penalty information to establish
4 his prior drug conviction(s) pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 851.

5 9. United States Sentencing Guideline Calculations:

6 The Defendant understands and acknowledges that the United States
7 Sentencing Guidelines (hereinafter "U.S.S.G.") are applicable to this case and that
8 the Court will determine the Defendant's applicable sentencing guideline range at
9 the time of sentencing.

10 (a). Base Offense Level and Application of U.S.S.G. §1B1.3:

11 The Government and Defendant agree and stipulate that more than 400
12 grams but less than 1.2 kilograms of Fentanyl was possessed with the intent to
13 distribute. Thus, the Government and Defendant agree that the base offense level
14 for Count 15, is 30. *See* U.S.S.G. §2D1.1(c)(1) and Commentary 8(b).

15 Based upon application of U.S.S.G. §1B1.3, the Relevant Conduct
16 provision, the United States will argue that the Defendant's offense level should
17 be increased an additional four levels based upon the Defendant's role in this
18 offense and his jointly undertaken criminal activity pursuant to U.S.S.G.
19 1B1.3(a)(1)(B)(i)(ii) and (iii). The United States will therefore argue the
20 Defendant's offense level should be a 34. The Defendant is free to argue against
21 the increase in offense level.

22 (b). Specific Offense Characteristics- Dangerous Weapon:

23 The United States will argue that during the course of this offense, the
24 Defendant possessed a firearm, specifically a Taurus 9mm handgun. The
25 Defendant, however, reserves the right to argue that it is "clearly improbable that
26 [any of] the weapon[s] [were] connected to the offense," *see* U.S.S.G. §2D1.1,

1 cmt., n.3, and thus reserves the right to contest the ultimate issue of whether the
2 two (2)-level upward adjustment in the base offense level, pursuant to U.S.S.G.
3 §2D1.1(b)(1), applies.

4 (c). Acceptance of Responsibility:

5 If the Defendant pleads guilty and demonstrates a recognition and an
6 affirmative acceptance of personal responsibility for the criminal conduct;
7 provides complete and accurate information during the sentencing process; does
8 not commit any obstructive conduct; accepts this Plea Agreement; and enters a
9 plea of guilty no later than the next Pre-Trial Conference, the United States will
10 move for a three (3) level downward adjustment in the offense level for the
11 Defendant's timely acceptance of responsibility, pursuant to U.S.S.G. §3E1.1(a)
12 and (b).

13 The Defendant and the United States agree that the United States may at its
14 option and upon written notice to the Defendant, not recommend a three (3) level
15 downward reduction for acceptance of responsibility if, prior to the imposition of
16 sentence, the Defendant is charged or convicted of any criminal offense
17 whatsoever or if the Defendant tests positive for any controlled substance.

18 Furthermore, the Defendant agrees to pay the \$100 mandatory special
19 penalty assessment to the Clerk of Court for the Eastern District of Washington,
20 at or before sentencing, and shall provide a receipt from the Clerk to the United
21 States before sentencing as proof of this payment, as a condition to this
22 recommendation by the United States.

23 (d). Criminal History:

24 The United States and the Defendant understand that the Defendant's
25 criminal history computation is tentative and that ultimately the Defendant's
26 criminal history category will be determined by the Court after review of the

1 Presentence Investigative Report. The United States and the Defendant have
2 made no agreement and make no representations as to the criminal history
3 category, which shall be determined after the Presentence Investigative Report is
4 completed.

5 10. Safety Valve:

6 The United States and the Defendant agree that he is not eligible for the
7 safety valve provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3553(f) and U.S.S.G. §5C1.2.

8 11. Departures:

9 The Defendant intends to request downward departures and variances from
10 the sentencing guidelines. The United States reserves its right to oppose any
11 downward departure.

12 12. Length of Incarceration:

13 The United States will recommend that the Court impose a sentence at the
14 low end of the applicable advisory sentencing guideline range. The Defendant
15 understands that he cannot argue for a sentence less than the mandatory minimum
16 of ten years.

17 13. Criminal Fine:

18 The United States and the Defendant are free to make whatever
19 recommendation concerning the imposition of a criminal fine that they believe is
20 appropriate.

21 14. Supervised Release:

22 Should the Defendant be allowed to remain in the United States or lawfully
23 return, the parties agree to recommend that the Court impose a 5-year term of
24 supervised release, to include the following special conditions, in addition to the
25 standard conditions of supervised release:

1 (1) that the Defendant's person, residence, office, vehicle, and
2 belongings are subject to search at the direction of the Probation Office;
3 and

4 (2) that the Defendant have no contact with any witnesses or Co-
5 defendants in this cause number.

6 15. Mandatory Special Penalty Assessment:

7 The Defendant agrees to pay the \$100 mandatory special penalty
8 assessment to the Clerk of Court for the Eastern District of Washington, at or
9 before sentencing, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013 and shall provide a receipt from
10 the Clerk to the United States before sentencing as proof of this payment.

11 16. Payments While Incarcerated:

12 If the Defendant lacks the financial resources to pay the monetary
13 obligations imposed by the Court, the Defendant agrees to earn the money to pay
14 toward these obligations by participating in the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate
15 Financial Responsibility Program.

16 17. Additional Violations of Law Can Void Plea Agreement:

17 The Defendant and the United States agree that the United States may at its
18 option and upon written notice to the Defendant, withdraw from this Plea
19 Agreement or modify its recommendation for sentence if, prior to the imposition
20 of sentence, the Defendant is charged or convicted of any criminal offense
21 whatsoever or if the Defendant tests positive for any controlled substance.

22 18. Appeal Rights:

23 In return for the concessions that the United States has made in this Plea
24 Agreement, the Defendant agrees to waive his right to appeal the conviction and
25 sentence if the Court imposes a prison term no higher than the applicable
26 guideline range and imposes no more than 5 years supervised release. Defendant

1 further expressly waives his right to file any post-conviction motion attacking his
2 conviction and sentence, including a motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255, except
3 one based upon ineffective assistance of counsel based on information not now
4 known by Defendant and which, in the exercise of due diligence, could not be
5 known by Defendant by the time the Court imposes the sentence. Should the
6 Defendant successfully move to withdraw from this Plea Agreement or should
7 the Defendant's conviction on Count 15 of the Indictment be dismissed, set aside,
8 vacated, or reversed, the Plea Agreement shall become null and void; the United
9 States may move to reinstate all counts of Indictment No. 4:15-CR-6049-EFS-6;
10 and the United States may prosecute the Defendant on all available charges
11 involving or arising out of Indictment No. 4:15-CR-6049-EFS-6. Nothing in this
12 Plea Agreement shall preclude the United States from opposing any post-
13 conviction motion for a reduction of sentence or other attack of the conviction or
14 sentence, including, but not limited to, proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255
15 (writ of habeas corpus).

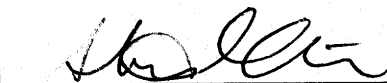
16 19. Integration Clause:

17 The United States and the Defendant acknowledge that this document
18 constitutes the entire Plea Agreement between the United States and the
19 Defendant, and no other promises, agreements, or conditions exist between the
20 United States and the Defendant concerning the resolution of the case. This Plea
21 Agreement is binding only upon the United States Attorney's Office for the
22 Eastern District of Washington, and cannot bind other federal, state or local
23 authorities. The United States and the Defendant agree that this agreement
24 cannot be modified except in a writing that is signed by the United States and the
25 Defendant.

Approvals and Signature

Agreed and submitted on behalf of the United States Attorney's Office for
the Eastern District of Washington.

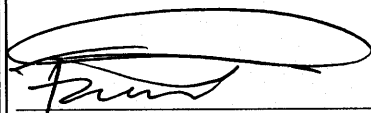
JOSEPH H. HARRINGTON
Acting United States Attorney



Stephanie Van Marter
Assistant U.S. Attorney

4/25/17
Date

I have read this Plea Agreement and have carefully reviewed and discussed every part of the agreement with my attorney. I understand and voluntarily enter into this Plea Agreement. Furthermore, I have consulted with my attorney about my rights, I understand those rights, and I am satisfied with the representation of my attorney in this case. My attorney has advised me that by pleading guilty to the charge relevant to this Plea Agreement, as of this date deportation appears to be a virtual certainty. No other promises or inducements have been made to me, other than those contained in this Plea Agreement and no one has threatened or forced me in any way to enter into this Plea Agreement. I am agreeing to plead guilty because I am guilty.



FRANCISCO DUARTE FIGUEROA
Defendant

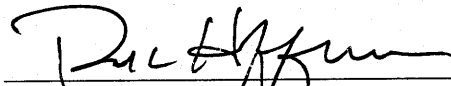
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I have read the Plea Agreement and have discussed the contents of the agreement with my client. The Plea Agreement accurately and completely sets forth the entirety of the agreement between the parties. I concur in my client's decision to plead guilty as set forth in the Plea Agreement. I have further advised

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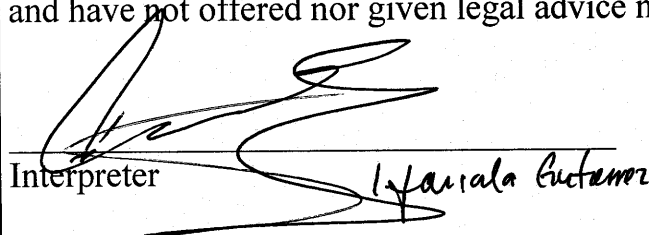
1 my client by pleading guilty to the charge relevant to this Plea Agreement, as of
2 this date deportation appears to be a virtual certainty. There is no legal reason
3 why the Court should not accept the Defendant's plea of guilty.

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5 Rick L. Hoffman
6 Attorney for the Defendant

4/12/17
Date

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8 I hereby certify that I have read and translated the entire foregoing
9 document to the Defendant in a language with which he is conversant. If
10 questions have arisen, I have notified the Defendant's counsel of the questions
11 and have not offered nor given legal advice nor personal opinions.

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13 Interpreter *Yasirala Gutierrez*

4/12/17
Date